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## Mahatma To Address A. I. C. C. Meeting

### Congress President Will Communicate Decision To United Nations

*The All-India Congress Committee will meet at 2-30 p.m. today. (Friday). It is likely that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will move and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will second the main resolution.*

*It is also likely that Mahatma Gandhi will address the meeting after the resolution is moved and seconded.*

*Enquiries made at the office of the A. I. C. C. show that no notice of amendments to the main resolution was received till late in the evening on Thursday. The non-official resolutions total seven.*

The rising tempo of popular enthusiasm in connection with the A. I. C. C. meeting to be held at Gowalia Tank this afternoon reached a peak point on Thursday.

The Congress House was a beehive of activity, and endless streams of A. I. C. C. members, guests, visitors and workers were rubbing shoulders all day long. The officials, workers and volunteers charged with the reception and other arrangements were put to the utmost strain, but are working on tirelessly.

Congressmen from every part of India, including the States are coming to Bombay for the session which is rousing unprecedented enthusiasm. A contingent of thirty workers have arrived from Mysore alone. It is understood, that some members have been held up on the way due to traffic difficulties. The Tapti floods at Surat are also understood to have resulted in the holding up of some members.

Despite this, it is crowds and crowds everywhere. Several spontaneous meetings were held at the Jinnah Hall. As the hall became repeatedly filled with students and others, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Mr. Achut Patwardhan and others addressed the meetings.

**RUSH FOR DARSHAN**

The rush at Birla House during Gandhiji's prayers beat all records and led to a traffic scramble. Ten minutes before the prayer time, the gates leading to the prayer ground had to be closed. But the surging crowds forced the gates open and poured in. After the prayers, there was a crush. Clothes were torn in the slush and shoes were abandoned. Long after the prayers, the crowds clamoured for Gandhiji's "Darshan", but they had to go away disappointed.

Similar scenes were witnessed at Gowalia Tank, where final touches are being given to the huge pandal.

A measure of the attention that the meeting is attracting can be had from the fact that nearly 350 press passes have been issued. Among these are some 50 foreign correspondents representing various countries. Besides correspondents of British and American papers and agencies, correspondents of a Chinese News Agency and the Tass Agency of Russia are attending the meeting.

Over 200 members of the A.I.C.C. have already reached the city.

Among the distinguished visitors who have arrived to attend the A.I.C.C. is Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vijayanagaram, President of the Andhra Maha Sabha.

### WORKING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Congress Working Committee met for nearly five hours at Birla House on Thursday. At the end of the sitting, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad told waiting journalists that it was up to the A.I.C.C. to take a decision on the resolution which would be placed before them on Friday.

Asked whether a time-limit had been fixed for the starting of the campaign after the resolution was endorsed by the A.I.C.C. the Congress President said that Gandhiji would explain the position at the meeting of the A.I.C.C. and then it rested with him when and what action he would take.

It is understood that after the resolution is passed by the A.I.C.C. Gandhiji will write a letter to the Viceroy enclosing a copy of the resolution and asking him what action he proposes to take to meet the Congress demand. It is also learnt that the Congress President will at the same time intimate the decision of the Congress to the representatives of the 25 Allied Nations.

The question of the States in relation to the proposed movement is understood to have figured prominently in the discussions of the Committee. It is likely the committee will consider the question again when it meets to-day (Friday).

Detailed instructions regarding the conduct of the workers in the projected movement are understood to have been discussed by the Committee.

Dr. Abdul Latif had talks with Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad regarding the Hindu-Muslim question.

### *ROOSEVELT TO INTERVENE?*

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.**

**A White House Spokesman declined to comment on Press reports that President Roosevelt may appeal to Gandhi to reconsider his threat to launch Civil Disobedience campaign.**

**There is no indication in the Capital of any move by President Roosevelt to intercede in the Indian situation.—Reuter.**

### SARDAR'S OFFER ECHO IN COMMONS

LONDON, Aug. 6.

Labourite Sorensen in the Commons called Mr. Amery's attention to a reported statement by Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel that the Congress did not seek power for itself but would be satisfied if India was handed over to the Moslem League or any other Indian party.

He asked if Mr. Amery, in view of the political significance of this, would seek official amplification from the Congress, and whether this is in any way affected the British Government's attitude.

Mr. Amery replied, it is not easy to reconcile the various utterances of individual representatives of the Congress. The conclusion of the forthcoming meeting of the All-India Congress Committee will no doubt define the official policy of the party."

Mr. Sorensen: "If this statement is accurate, does it not indicate that the alleged hostility to the Moslem League is not so severe as is sometimes assumed?".

Mr. Amery did not reply to this supplementary question.

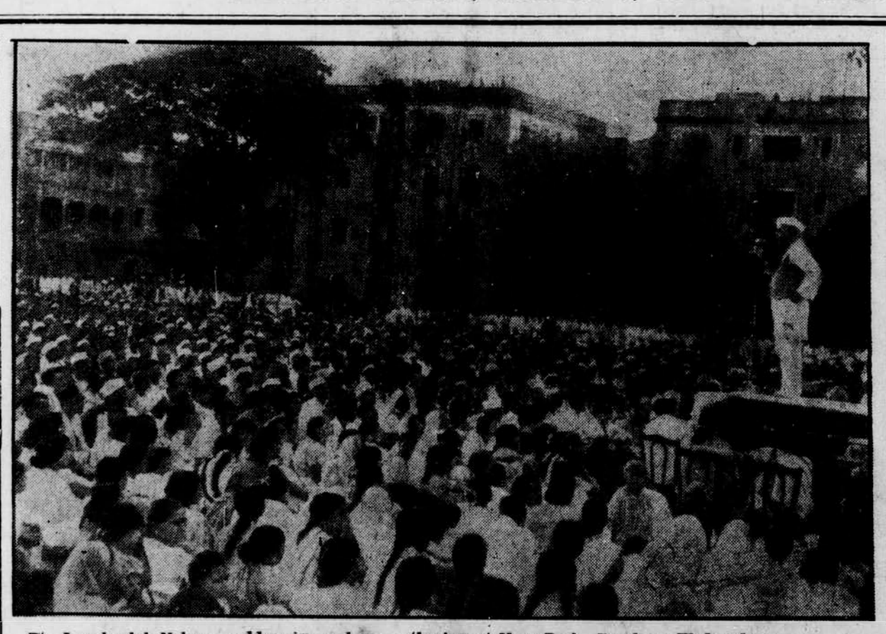
### "Daily Worker" Ban Echo

LONDON, Aug. 6.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison, replying to the suggestion that the ban on the publication of the "Daily Worker" should be removed in view of the recent raising of the ban on the Communist Party in India said "the action recently taken in India of raising the ban on the Communist party is not a conclusive argument for removing the ban on the "Daily Worker" in this country."

Com. R. T. Bower (Conservative): "As the ban on the Communist party newspapers in India has also been lifted does Mr. Morrison not think it would be more consistent to deprive the "Daily Worker" of the benefits of martyrdom and give it one more chance."

Mr. Morrison: "It does not follow that what is expedient in India is expedient in Great Britain. I must consider the matter on its merits."—Reuter.



Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing a huge gathering at Nare Park, Parel on Wednesday.

# PEACE IF POSSIBLE, BUT WAR, IF UNAVOIDABLE

## DOOR FOR NEGOTIATION NOT CLOSED, BUT OFFER OF POST-WAR FREEDOM WILL NOT SATISFY NATION, SAYS MAHATMA

BOMBAY, Aug. 6.

In an exclusive interview to the "Associated Press", Mahatma Gandhi answered a number of questions on the new resolution of the Congress Working Committee.

Question: Does this resolution mean peace or war? There is an interpretation, particularly among foreign journalists, that it means declaraion of war and that the last three paragraphs of the resolution are the really operative part. Is the emphasis on the first part or the last part of the resolution?

Answer: "The emphasis in any non-violent struggle, projected or in operation, is always on peace. War, when it becomes an absolute necessity."

Question: "Do you contemplate immediate establishment of a Provisional Government, and if so, how do you expect it to come into being?—Do you think that there would be a period of interregnum between the endorsement of the resolution by the A. I. C. C. and the starting of mass struggle?"

Answer: "If independence is ushered with perfect British goodwill, then I expect almost simultaneous establishment of a Provisional Government which, being just now based as it must be, of necessity, on non-violence, will, to command universal confidence, represent free and voluntary association of all parties."

Question: "Do you contemplate any negotiation between the Congress and the British Government before launching mass struggle?"

**LETTER TO VICEROY**

Answer: "I have definitely contemplated an interval between the passing of the Congress resolution and the starting of the struggle. I do not know that what I contemplate doing according to my wont can be in any way described as in the nature of negotiation. But a letter will certainly go to the Viceroy, not as an ultimatum, but an earnest pleading for avoiding conflict. If there is favourable response, then my letter can be the basis for negotiation."

Question: "What is the maximum time you are prepared to wait to see if there is any response from the British Government and the United Nations to "the last minute appeal" of the A. I. C. C.?

**NO LONG INTERVAL**

Answer: "The object with which the demand for immediate withdrawal is made does not allow of long time interval, for the simple reason that the war will not be suspended, while in expectation of something turning up, the interval is contemplated. The Working Committee itself which is sincerely eager to mobilise the whole of free Indian opinion in favour of the war effort, is impatient to do so, and in view of the terrible suspense created throughout India, it is altogether wrong both for the Congress and British power to prolong the suspense by a day longer than is warranted by force of circumstances beyond control.

**SETTLE WITH PROVISIONAL GOVT.**

Question: Does the declaration mentioned in the resolution imply that if the British Government makes a declaration agreeing to full transfer of power to Indian hands, time will be given to settle details of the form of Government?

Answer: "So far as I am concerned I have not contemplated any time. Naturally the settlement will be with the Provisional Government.

**ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPAN**

Answering questions by Foreign Press correspondents Mahatma Gandhi further elucidated points from the Congress resolution.

An American correspondent asked "America seems still disturbed about your position relative to Japan. Would you give us a pointblank assurance that even if there was a time when you thought of dealing with Japan, you would not consider it now."

Mahatma Gandhi answered: "I can give no such assurance, because if I deal with Japan and if I am allowed to do so by the contemplated Free India Government I would do so in the interest of purely Allied cause. It may be the effort and optimism of a visionary, but it can do no harm to the war effort. It will discredit Japan, if a friendly gesture on behalf of groaning humanity is repelled. I have no doubt in my mind that if the Allied Powers had found someone whom they could implicitly trust not to compromise their cause, they would not reject such a voluntary offer in which they would, in no sense, be involved in the sense that they had sent an emissary to make overtures on their behalf. I have enough regard for my self-respect not to handle a mission of a compromising nature. But I know this is only a day-dream on my part. Independence has first to come, and then I must have the permission of the Free India Government which will as a new ally seek the approval of the United Nations for my humanitarian mission.

**POST-WAR FREEDOM WILL NOT DO**

Question: Would any sort of assurance of post-war freedom be acceptable to you?

Answer: "For every cogent reasons I have given and many Congressmen have given, for the cause itself of the United Nations, waiting is harmful. The attainment of independence after the war would lose its charm. India would not feel that it had made any real effort to win independence and it must be humiliating for a big nation like India not to be able to help, although it is conscious that it can render inestimable help in a variety of ways such that I have repeatedly said would ensure victory for the Allied cause. Critics will never understand the urgency, and if I may say so, the delicate nobility of the demand, unless they understand and appreciate the background I have given to everyone of the recent acts of the Congress.

**"WAIT AND SEE"**

Question: Can you outline some non-violent step to be taken so that we can plainly tell America just how tough you can make things over here.

Answer: "Your question is certainly very good. I could answer it also but my modesty will prevent it. I must therefore ask impatient Americans to wait and see.

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### *AZAD AS "KAMALA LECTURER"*

**CALCUTTA, August 6.**

**The Syndicate of the Calcutta University it is learnt has recommended to the Senate the appointment of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as "Kamala Lecturer" of the University for the year 1935. The subject of the Maulana's lecture will be "The interaction of Muslim and Indian cultures and their synthesis and development." The lecture series for the year 1935 has not yet been delivered.—A. P.**

### STOP PRESS

**U. S. AMBASSADOR**

MOSCOW:—The United States Ambassador has arrived in Moscow.—Reuter.

### Gloucester Back In London

LONDON, Aug. 6.

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## Pincer Threat On Stalingrad

### Nazi Forces Nearing Caucasus Foothills

MOSCOW, August 6.

**Danger overhangs the Volga writes Reuter's special correspondent.**

**The German command is fighting ferociously to gain positions which would enable a pincer movement to be made on Stalingrad. At the same time, the threat to the Kuban and Maikop oilfields has again increased in the past 24 hours.**

Although firmly holding the Germans in Kletskaya area the Russians have withdrawn to new positions south of Bielaya Glina after heavy fighting.

**HEAVY LOSS TO GERMANS**

The Soviet midday communique supplement which says: "In the area of Kletskaya our troops repelled repeated enemy attacks and firmly held their positions. In the fighting for an inhabited locality one unit killed about 300 Hitlerites. In one sector our tanks raided the enemys' rear and smashed an enemy supply column. About 30 lorries were destroyed and 300 Germans were killed. South of Bielaya Glina, heavy fighting continued with attacking enemy tanks and mechanised infantry, our troops still fighting without new to new positions. South of Kushchevskaya our anti-tank guns and rifles destroyed eight enemy tanks, four armoured cars and 21 lorries. In another sector Kuban Cossacks carried out a night raid on an inhabited locality which the Hitlerites had only just captured. The gallant horsemen sabred over 600 of the enemy. White Russian guerillas carried out a successful raid in an important railway station killing a number of police and troops. They burnt down the station buildings and blew up four railway cars used as officers' quarters and 42 trucks loaded with ammunition."

**FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE DON**

South of Byelaya Glina, the Germans have captured several Soviet defence lines, "The Red Star" reported in a front line dispatch to-day.

Battles in this area are very tense. Many strong attacks have been repulsed and the Germans have suffered heavy losses. But the newspaper added, "in other sectors our troops could not ward off the enemy's pressure and withdrew." Numerous German attacks in a region south of Kushchevskaya yesterday were all repulsed. The Don and Kuban Cossacks have consolidated themselves on the banks of a small river which the Germans made three unsuccessful attempts to cross yesterday.

**TANK BATTLE**

Another Soviet unit is reported to have been firmly holding a line of hills for the past 48 hours. A big tank battle is taking place near the railway in the region of Kostelnikovo, south of Stalingrad. The Germans two days ago launched a big offensive against Kostelnikovo. They heaped attack on attack, all of which the "Red Star" says, could not be held up. In some places the Soviet forces were obliged to withdraw.

Kostelnikovo is 50 miles due east of Tsimlianskaya on the south bank of the Don, and marks a point where the Stalingrad railway comes closest to the Don Bank—namely 15 miles. The battle in the Don Elbow is daily reaching new heights in fierceness. In one sector yesterday, the "Red Star" says, the Germans were defeated and forced to withdraw in a big tank battle, involving large tank forces on both the sides. Russian units made frequent counter attacks. The Germans have strengthened their air force in the Kletskaya region. A few days ago, adds the "Red Star", Soviet planes repelled a German air raid on one town, inflicting considerable losses on the attacking aircraft. The town was not named.

**SITUATION SERIOUS**

Latest information from Russia shows that at best the situation is not improving, learns Reuter's military correspondent. The German attack against Stalingrad is apparently developing from the south as well as from the west. To the south of the lower Don the Germans appear to have reached the Kuban river near Voroshilovsk, which is getting near to the Caucasus foothills. The spearhead which apparently is not strong now appears to be turning westward and the Germans may mean to go along the Kuban river and cut off the Peninsula. The Germans seem to have put necks out a long way. They have a salient 100 miles deep and only 40 or 50 miles broad, and if the Russians have any forces ready to attack, the Germans are obviously in a vulnerable position. One cannot so far detect any signs of a Russian counter-attack, but the Russians are still holding the Germans on the middle and upper Don.

**NAZI CENTRE OF RESISTANCE 'STORMED'**

Russian troops have stormed and captured a strong German "centre of resistance" established in a village on the Leningrad front, says a despatch from the front to-day.

In a surprise attack Red Army units forced a crossing of an unnamed river and broke into the village throwing the defenders into confusion. At the same time, other Russian troops launched a flank attack on the German positions. The Germans later tried to retake the village but were flung back with heavy losses.

**"OPEN SECOND FRONT"**

For the fifth successive day the Moscow Press carries a report from the British Press, and of American Trade Union meetings, demanding the immediate opening of a Second Front. Soviet papers also publish references in speeches in England and America, to a recent article in "Pravda", pointing out the help which Russia gave her Allies in the first world war.—Reuter.


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## TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

Death occurred on Tuesday last of Mr. P. S. Medhekar, a senior and leading pleader of Andheri.

The funeral which was held on the same day was very largely attended by prominent residents of the suburbs, Councillors of Ville Parle Municipal Board, Legal Fraternity and Mr. Saraf, Sub-Judge, Andheri. On the same day in the Court, condolence references were made.

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### *LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day*

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Muslim: Rajab 23, 1361
Parsi: Aspandarmad 7, 1311
Sunrise 6-19 a.m. Sunset: 7-10 p.m.
Hightide: 9-36, 20-40. Lowtide: 2-15, 15-18

### *AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY*

ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15 5-45 and 9 p.m.
METRO—"Woman of the Year" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Keep 'em Flying" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Mata" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kunwara Bap" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Saugand" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Roxie Hart" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Lady Has Plans" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Lady Is Willing" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Phir Milenge" 3-30, 5-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"Asra" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"Bharat Milap" 3-45, 6-30 and 9-45 p.m.
PARADISE—"That Night in Rio" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"The Big Store" 4, 6-30 and 10
HINDMATA—"Sikandar" 4-15 7 and 9-45
CHITRA—"Sister" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Khan Daan" 3, 6 & 9
PLAZA—"Bharat Bhet" 3-45 6-45 and 9-45
OPERA HOUSE—"Tamanna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Padosi" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Sangam" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ankh-Michowli" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Birth of a Baby" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Vidyapati" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams for Agra, Karachi and their adjacent areas are subject to serious delay due to line interruptions.

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Mr. H. M. Seervai, Prof. N. S. Pardasani and Miss V. D. Marathe will take part in a symposium 'The Principles of Democracy'. Sir J. C. Coyajee will preside, to-day (Friday).

HINDUSTANI NATIVE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: Owing to the A.I.C.C. session in Bombay, the office of the Association as well as the business of all its members will remain closed to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday).

DOCK WORKERS' UNION, BOMBAY: The Dock Workers' Union has resolved to take out a procession of workers to-day (Friday). It will start from the Union Office, (opposite Princess Dock) and march through various streets and terminate at the Union Office, where a meeting will be held.

B. P. MUSLIM LEAGUE: A meeting of the Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League will be held to-day (Friday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at its own Office, Shahru Castle, Mohamedali Road, Bombay, to discuss and consider pertinent questions.

# A.I.C.C. SESSION OPENS TO-DAY AT GOWALIA TANK MAIDAN

### *B. P. C. C. Facilities For Members And Visitors: Azad To Inspect P. V. B. Rally And Jawahar To Address Students Meeting On Sunday*

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have issued the following bulletin regarding the programme of the A.I.C.C. Session

The A.I.C.C. commences its session to-day (Friday, August 7) at 2-30 p.m. in the special pandal at Gowalia Tank Maidan. The business of the session will start with the singing of "Vande Mataram" by a batch of students of Prof. Deodhar's School of Indian Music. This will be followed by another song (Jana Gana Mana) to be sung in chorus by the same batch of students. The regular proceedings of the meeting will immediately follow.

At about 5 p.m., during the recess, the Mayor of Bombay will be the host to the Congress President, the members of the A. I. C. C. and the invited guests at a tea party in the Refreshment Pandal.

The members of the A.I.C.C. have been requested to attend a cinema show at the Roxy Theatre at 9 p.m. to-day (Friday), where the Circo's will exhibit their picture "Apna Ghar". Conveyance will be provided to the A.I.C.C. guests for taking them to the Theatre and back.

On Saturday, August 8, the Marwari Sammelan of Bombay will give a tea party at the Refreshment pandal to the Congress President and the members of the A.I.C.C.

On Sunday, August 9, Seth Govindram Saksena will play the host to the All-India leaders at a tea party at the refreshment pandal.

FLAG SALUTATION

There will be a flag salutation on Sunday at 8 a.m., followed by the P.V.B. Volunteers' rally. The Congress President will inspect the rally and address the volunteers.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will address the students of Bombay on the "Students and their Duty at the present Juncture", at a mass meeting on Sunday, August 9, at 9 in the morning in the A.I.C.C. Pandal. This is on the assumption that this A.I.C.C. session ends in two days. If it is delayed to a third day, the meeting time will have necessarily to be changed.

### For A. I. C. C. Members And Visitors

The following bulletin containing useful information both to the members of the A. I. C. C. and the visitors to the Session has been issued from the Congress House.

The members of the A.I.C.C. and other invited guests who are the guests of the B.P.C.C. have been lodged in the following hotels:—1. Sardar Graha; 2. Arya Nivas; 3. Welcome Hotel; 4. Great Eatsern Hotel and 5. Windsor Hotel.

Other visitors have been accommodated in the following hotels: 1. Madhavashram; 2. Aryapatikashram and 3. National Hindu Lodge.

Those members of the A.I.C.C. who have made their own private arrangements should immediately communicate their address to the Congress House to enable us to complete the information bulletin which we are issuing.

The B.E.S.T. Co.'s buses specially reserved by the B.P.C.C. will convey the All-India guests from their respective hotels to the A.I.C.C. Pandal at the Gowalia Tank Maidan. These buses will be moving between 12 noon and 3 p.m. The guests are requested to make use of them.

Efforts will be made to supervise conveyance of the guests for going back from the pandal to their hotels.

The volunteers are required to be on duty at the Pandal at 11 a.m. to keep order and to maintain peace.

Sale of tickets has been entirely stopped. There are no daily tickets available. Those who have been disappointed in getting their accommodation must excuse us looking to our difficulties due to inclement weather.

ENTRANCES

There are five entrances to the pandal. They are marked. A, B, C, D and E. The entrance A and B face Gowalia Tank Road; C and D are at the main entrance and E at the Gamdevi side of the Gowalia Tank Maidan. Following is the arrangement of various tickets and pass holders to enter the pandal.

A—1. Members of the A.I.C.C. 2. Distinguished Visitors of the A.I.C.C.
B—1. Press; 2. Distinguished visitors of the B.P.C.C.—Holders of Rs. 100 rupee-tickets.
C—Holders of 25 rupee tickets.
D—Holders of 10 rupee tickets.
E—Holders of Congress workers' passes.

The easiest and the most convenient way of getting into the enclosure E is from Gamdevi side either by Alexandra Road or Owen Dunn Road.

The visitors are requested to follow the arrangements to avoid inconvenience to themselves and to the volunteers on duty.

The Offices of the B. P. C. C. and of the A.I.C.C. will be taken to the pandal from 11 a.m. onwards. The Telephone No. of those Offices at the Pandal is 46167.

The photo permits have been issued to certain people on the distinct understanding that they will not be allowed to carry movie cameras inside the pandal. Volunteers at the Gate have been asked not to allow anybody inside the pandal carrying the movie camera.

STATES' PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Standing Committee of the States' People's Conference will meet again to-day (Friday) at 10 a.m. at Birla House.

## WORKERS' RALLY AT KAMGAR MAIDAN

Under the auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India, a mass rally of the workers, students and citizens was held at the Kamgar Maidan, Parel on Thursday evening, when Mr. B. T. Ranadive presided.

Mr. Nagarkar, criticised the Congress attitude towards war and blamed it for failing to achieve Hindu-Muslim unity. The Communists therefore, said Mr. Nagarkar should so organise themselves as to bring the leaders of all parties together and bring about the unity of all parties to fight Jap aggression.

Mr. Ranadive said, without the unity of the Congress and the Muslim League no National Government was possible. The Communists were convinced that no party, however powerful it might be, would able to run the administration in a free India except with the full and willing co-operation of all other parties and interests.

Messrs. K. Sharma, Sohan Singh Joash and Dr. Mohamed Ashraf also spoke.

WORKERS' MEETING: A mass meeting of the workers will be held at 5-30 p.m. today (Friday) at Nawab Tank Maidan, Dock yard Road, Mazagaon, to express the determination of the workers to resist the spirit and letter of the "Wardha Resolution". Mrs. Kalyanidevi Bhattacharji, Messrs. H. R. Bukhari, Shaikh, George Lobo, C. S. Raje and others will speak.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: The Joint Honorary Secretary of the Bombay National Guards writes:—All the members and recruits of the Bombay National Guards are requested to be present in full uniform to-day (Friday) at Congress House Compound at 12-30 p.m. (S.T.) sharp, to attend the A.I.C.C. meeting.

FOOTBALL AT PAREL: The following matches will be played this evening (Friday) on the St. Xavier's Ground, Parel, in the Junior Rovers Cup. At 4-50 p.m. St. Francis Goans S.C. v. G. I. P. Railway and at 5-50 Base Sub-Area v. Bombay Port Trust.

MYSORE JOURNALISTS IN CITY: Mr. P. B. Srinivasan, editor of "Tainadu", Bangalore, Mr. M. G. D. Nayeem, editor of "Iqbal" and Mr. R. S. Narayan, Hon. Secretary of the Mysore Journalists' Association arrived in Bombay on Thursday to attend the A. I. C. C. meetings. They will visit some of the important presses also.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 7 will meet near the Junction of Princess Street and Girgaon Road, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a. m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time, weather permitting.

He will also meet the elected members of Ward No. 7.

## Problem Before States People

### Conference Executive Discusses Congress Decision

The part that should be and is likely to be played by the Princes and the subjects of Indian States in any campaign that might be launched or any action taken in pursuance of the Congress resolution demanding the termination of the British domination of India, is understood to have been discussed at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the State Peoples' Conference held at Birla House on Thursday.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru presided and among those present was Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya, member of the Congress Working Committee.

It is gathered that two trends of opinion were expressed at the meeting. One view was that the States' subjects should join in the Congress campaign on the plain question of immediate Independence for India and should not raise any other issues. The other view was that it would not be possible to rouse popular enthusiasm unless local grievances were also included. According to this school of thought, while the States people should extend full support to the Congress stand, they should simultaneously put forward a demand for Responsible Government in the States.

The Committee will meet again at Birla House on Friday.

STATES WORKERS CONFER

Later on Thursday an informal meeting of workers from the states who have come here in connection with the A.I.C.C. was held at the Congress House. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressed the meeting. It is understood that workers from nearly 40 different states in India discussed the political situation with special reference to local conditions.

It is felt in States circles that the Congress Working Committee itself might give a lead in the matter by incorporating an additional clause in the resolution already adopted by it or by a separate resolution.

## ON THE AIR

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7.**

**Delhi I—Programme**

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Sana-i-Habib. 5-15 Zohra Jamal. 5-30 Bande Hasan. 6-25 Jawabi Hamla. 6-30 Badarbai. 6-45 Waheed Qawwal and party. 7 Zohra Jamal. 7-15 My Russian memories. 7-30 Manohar. 7-35 It has happened. 7-40 Badarbai. 8 Vatsala, Khurshid and Kanan. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-45 In memoriam.

**Bombay I—Programme.**

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Kesarbai Bandodkar. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 G. M. Durani. 8-30 Vinayakrao Harshe. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Shankarrao Vyas. 12-30 p.m. Naats. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-20 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Vimal Narvekar. 5-15 'N. W. Front" in Hindustani by Prof. K. S. A. M. Moulvi. 5-30 Punno Swami. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Vimal Narvekar. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's happy half-hour. 7 Our Municipality. 7-15 Vinayakrao Harshe. 7-35 G. P. Soman. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Shankarrao Vyas. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Dr. Rabindranath Tagore. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 "Dr. Tagore" in English by Mrs. Naidu. 10-20 Special programme in memory of Dr. Tagore.

**Bombay II—Programme**

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 8 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Vinodini Desai. 9-5 Jaltarang Solo. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 4-20 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 G. M. Durrani. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 9-30 Beniamino Gigli. 9-50 Raghbir Singh. 10 'Dr. Tagore' in English by Mrs. Naidu.

DR. TAGORE'S ANNIVERSARY: In commemoration of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore who died a year ago, A.I.R. Bombay, has arranged to broadcast a special programme of recitals of his songs and recitation of his poems, to-day (Friday) at 10-20 p.m.

### Defence Consultative Com.'s Tour Expires

NEW DELHI, August 6.

The Defence Consultative Committee of the Central Legislature consisting of the Hon'ble Pandit H. N. Kunzru, Hon'ble Sardar Buta Singh, Sir Fredrick James, Mr. Hooseinbhoy A. Lalljee, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. Deshmukh and Mr. Ghais-Ud-Din have just completed an extensive tour of inspection. The coastal defences and other military installations in Eastern India.

The tour included visits to various defended localities, munition and armament production factories, aerodromes, steel producing factories and workshops.

The members displayed great interest in the modern methods of munition production and other implements of war. They were deeply impressed by the rapidly expanding arsenals for democracy, and the daily increasing figures of production.—A. P.

DELHI: A talk by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu entitled "Tagore as I knew him" will be radiated from the Delhi station of A.I.R. at 9-45 p.m. (S.T.) on the occasion of the first death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, to-day (Friday). The programme also includes poems by Mr. H. Chattopadhaya and a Hindustani version of Tagore's play "the Post Office".


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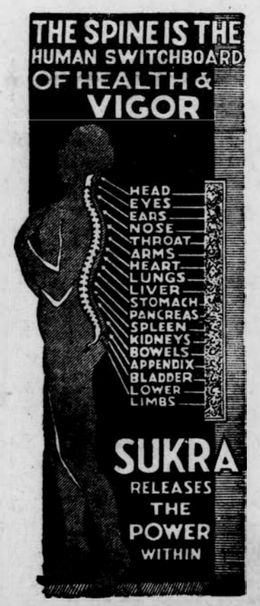


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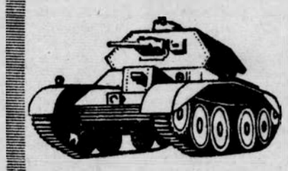

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# NEGOTIATIONS FIRST

It is no exaggeration to say that the All-India Congress Committee's meeting which commences to-day marks an epoch in the history of the Congress and of India. And the sequel to it may make it a notable event in the histody of the world. It is no wonder, therefore, that the eyes of the world, literally from China to Peru, are anxiously turned to this meeting. The subject before it is primarily the last appeal to Britain to make India free to fulfil at once her many promises in the past. Secondarily, the subject is an appeal to the United Nations to go further and help in ridding the world of Imperialism as well as Fascism and Nazism as only then can they safeguard permanent world peace for which they claim to fight. Some critics of the Congress say: "It is profoundly true that Imperialism is a world menace and freedom is a noble cause. But why demand India's complete freedom in the midst of the war? Why not do so after the war, when Britain herself has offered to declare India free?" One answer is that Britain's latest offer, like all the previous ones, is vague. The Congress, therefore, judges its *bona fides* by the constitutional changes immediately introduced. A more important answer is that only a free India will have the urge to resist aggression wholeheartedly and at any cost. The resolution befode the A. I. C. C. points out that the absence of such an urge was a potent cause of several recent British reverses and Congress does not want a similar one on India soil. "No future promises or guarantees", it says, "can produce the needed psychological effect on the mind of the masses, only the glow of freedom now can release that energy and enthusiasm of millions of people which will immediately transform the nature of the war."

## *Problem Of Defence*

It is unnecessary to labour the obvious point that only a free India can play a worthy part in the war. It is the recognition of this principle that has induced all the parties in the country to demand a truly national Government, though opinions may differ about the details of such a Government's powers and composition. Congress demands a completely independent Government right now but agrees to treaty reservations about the operations of British and American troops in India as the main idea is admittedly maximum war effort. Britain, we have no doubt, will have very soon to concede complete civil self-government but is anxious that the military administration must be determined solely by considerations of efficiency. In other words the main point of difference between the two is with regard to the division of powers between the Defence Minister and the Commander-in-Chief. Mr. Jayakar reminds us how at one stage in the Congress-Cripps negotiations a formula was devised which, if accepted, would have met some of the difficulties relating to Defence, namely, that without detriment to the Executive control of the Commander-in-Chief in matters relating to operational war activities and without detriment to the unity of war policy centred in the hands of the War Cabinet in London all other matters relating to the fullest utilisation of the material and other resources of India, should vest completely in the hands of the Defence Member of the new Government of India, acting in co-operation with the people. If negotiations are resumed at the point where they broke down but in a spirit of goodwill on either side, it should not be difficult to devise a formula which will ensure efficiency, on the one hand, and will, on the other, vindicate India's right to full control over her own defence.

## *The Open Door*

That the resolution before the A. I. C. C. still leaves the door open for negotiations is shown by the resolution itself which makes a last appeal to Britain and the United Nations to make India free. Gandhiji also says in his latest interview with the Associated Press that, if the resolution is passed by the A. I. C. C., he will send a letter to the Viceroy "not as an ultimatum but an earnest pleading for avoiding conflict"; and "if there is favourable response, then my letter can be the basis for negotiations." We fervently hope the Viceroy will respond to this gesture of goodwill by initiating negotiations straightway without even waiting for Gandhiji's letter. We need hardly add that negotiations with Government will be most successful if they are preceded by an agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League. Such an agreement is made appreciably easier by the draft A. I. C. C. resolution which, while definitely pledging Congress to a composite Government representative of all important sections of the people of India, declares its view that in the Indian Federation there should be "the largest measure of autonomy for the federating units" and concedes that the residuary powers should vest in these units. This is a great concession which all Muslims will cordially welcome. We trust Mr. Jinnah will respond to this gesture of the Congress by doing everything in his power to promote negotiations between the Congress and the League.

# A Word To Mr. Jinnah

In his latest statement Mr. Jinnah suggested that there was nothing to prevent representatives of various parties and interests from coming to an agreement regarding the Provisional Government of a Free India. Let Mr. Jinnah turn the searchlight inwards and ask himself whether he and the League have during the last two or three years given the Congress a fair chance of negotiating such a settlement. His attitude throughout has been of the "Take it or leave it" kind, if not obstructive. It is this attitude as well as his unbending demand for Pakistan which has induced us to impress upon the Congress the urgency of framing a constructive scheme of communal settlement which would satisfy the bulk of the Muslims and wean them from the cry for Pakistan. The Congress has, unfortunately, not done so but it has on several occasions shown a keen anxiety to negotiate a settlement with the League and its offers have been rejected on grounds extraneous to the merits of the issues involved—with the deplorable results that the vital issues themselves have remained unexplored and unexamined.

In their demand for the protection of Muslim interests Mr. Jinnah and the League have a very strong case. He and the League think that through Pakistan alone these interests can be protected. They are perfectly entitled to hold these views. But others are equally entitled to hold a different view and must, in justice and fairness, be at least given a chance, through negotiations, to satisfy Mr. Jinnah and the League that there are other and equally effective ways of protecting Muslim interests. This is the only way in which, in the past, communal differences have been adjusted in this country and Mr. Jinnah played a leading role in bringing about these adjustments. But now, for the first time in the history of India Mr. Jinnah has resorted to a new and coercive method of seeking to secure acceptance of communal demands. He is only weakening his own strong case by his attitude and manners which are opposed to the best traditions of Islamic culture.

The present grave situation in the country offers Mr. Jinnah once again an opportunity to revert to his old role of a true ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity. A communal settlement alone can avert a crisis. The Congress in the resolution which will be considered at the A. I. C. C. meeting to-day has taken a step forward by conceding the largest measure of autonomy and residuary powers to federating units. It has further made the path of negotiations smooth by declaring through the replies of President and Pundit Jawaharlal to Dr. Syed Latif that the Delhi resolution giving territorial units the right to secede stands and is not in any way over-ridden by the adoption of Mr. Jagatnarayan Lal's unfortunate resolution and, especially, by making it clear that negotiations between it and the League will not be restricted to any definite proposals but will be free, full and frank. If the Congress President adds to these conciliatory gestures the implementing of his own offer to appoint representatives of the Congress to meet those of the League, the obstacles to a heart-to-heart talk between the representatives of these two great bodies, which can make or mar the present and the future of the country, will have been removed. And Mr Jinnah, we trust, will grasp the opportunity.

# Frankly Speaking

## Another Nazi Success

While the grave threat to north Caucasus increases every hour, the situation further north has also, unfortunately, deteriorated. The Russians had for days successfully held the two-pronged drive towards Stalingrad. But reports now say that while there is no change yet in the situation in the Don Elbow, von Bock, who had been recklessly throwing in reserves at Tsymayanskaya, has succeeded at last in pushing the Russians back to new positions some 75 miles south-west of Stalingrad. Pressed so dangerously hard on the Don front, the Russians are reported to have launched a diversionary offensive on the central, that is, Moscow, front and hard fighting is admitted by Berlin itself. But too much hope cannot be entertained yet about General Zhukov's move. The Russians launched successful counter-attacks at Voronej in the sense that they drove the enemy back from the suburbs of the city. The Russians advance, however, failed to make any significant progress since.

## Russia In Peril

General Zhukov has to create a situation sufficiently dangerous for the Nazis to force them to draw a substantial part of their strength from the south. And it cannot be said yet that he will attain his objective. The only consoling feature in the general Russian situation is that Marshal Timoshenko has, despite the tremendously rapid advance of the enemy, still managed to save his armies from encirclement and destruction. But if the Nazis continue to drive forward at the present speed their territorial and strategical gains will more than offset the only advantage the Russians hold and will also simultaneously increase the great peril to this advantage. Russia is facing the gravest crisis of this war. And the pity is that the one worth while relief a second front, is still a remote possibility.

## No Second Front?

We wondered yesterday whether the reported appointment of a supreme commander for western Europe was another step forward in the United Nation's invasion plan. It appears that it was nothing of the kind, that, in fact, there was to be no such appointment at all. A 'high military source" in Washington discounting such reports told Reuter that there was no question of establishing any Supreme High Command consisting of United States and British Chiefs, nor was a Supreme Commander to be appointed because "where more than one Government is concefned an overall command is not in practice a possible solution." The argument may be plausible enough—incidentally references to Anglo-American differences are rather interesting—but it is difficult to see how an invasion which must necessarily involve coordinated operations can possibly be carried out without a supreme commander.

## "Morning News"

Bengal now has a morning Muslim daily, too. Our new contemporary, the "Morning News", has been launched at Calcutta under the editorship of Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqui. Mr. Siddiqui, only recently Mayor of Calcutta, has a record of service to the Muslim community and to the Islamic world which extends to a quarter of a century. A well-informed authority on the Middle East and having long intimate experience of Indian affairs, Mr. Siddiqui is a valuable asset to the paper. The "Morning News" supports the Muslim League, but it has the courage of independent convictions. For instance, while disagreeing with the Congress "Quit India" plans, it also plainly holds the British and Indian Governments responsible for driving the Congress to such a course. It regards the contemplated movement as untimely but not, so far as we can see, a deliberate and sinister "trap" for Musalmans. It does not denounce Congress but strongly urges upon it to bring about a general internal settlement. A Muslim League paper with the views and sentiments of our contemporary is extremely welcome; for it can render great service to the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity.

## The Root Cause

In a reply to the recent statement by the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar regarding recruitment to the I. M. S. Dr. K. S. Ray, President of the Indian Medical Association, points out that the terms of recruitment are still unsatisfactory. Many feel that there is still discrimination against Indians, however much it may be disguised. But Dr. Ray puts his finger on the root cause of the trouble when he says: "The first cause that affects the recruitment most adversely is the prevailing political atmosphere in the country created by the lack of co-operation between the Government and the political leaders. So long as the political aspirations of the country remain unsatisfied, it will be difficult to generate a country-wide enthusiasm for the war effort." We feel confident that doctors will honourably acquit themselves in the struggle for the fulfilment of the country's aspirations.

# League Must Co-operate With Congress

## Abdul Latif's Call To Jinnah To Avoid Civil Strife

**HYDERABAD (Dn.), Aug. 5.**
**In a statement to the Associated Press, Dr. Syed Abdul Latif, criticises Mr. Jinnah's attitude towards Gandhiji and calls upon the Muslim League to co-operate with the Congress and other parties to bring about an immediate revision of the Cripps' proposals such as might wean Gandhiji from his threatened course.**

**REVISION OF POLICY**

Dr. Latif says: 'The resolution of the Congress Working Committee, when shorn of its propaganda phraseology, seems to amount to no more than a demand for immediate revision of the Cripps' proposals in certain directions. That the Committee actually wants, as it seems to me, is that the Viceroy's Executive Council should for the duration of the war function as a sort of Cabinet composed, with the exception of the C-in-C as war member, entirely of Indians representing the leading political parties in the land, the Viceroy undertaking not to exercise his veto or any checks open to him under the existing constitution against the unanimous opinion of the Indian members of the Executive Council, and that the Indian Defence Member should be allowed some natural voice in the shaping and control of the country's defence policy without prejudice to the technical direction of military operations in India by the British C-in-C or to Allied strategy.

**UNITED DEMAND**

This is what the Congress means by 'independence in action' or 'immediate withdrawal of British power from India.' Whatever the phraseology employed and however offensive a part of it may be, it is clear from the trend of public opinion in India, that the predominant majority of Indians in all camps, including the Congress, will be satisfied if the above two changes are effected in some agreeable manner, in the proposals brought here by Sir Stafford Cripps. An immediate revision of the Cripps' proposals is worth making. It might wean Mr. Gandhi from his threatened course.

If that were done voluntarily by the British Government the act will have a grace of its own. But, if it is so punctilious about formalities to be observed even at such a time, then party leaders should meet and formulate a joint proposal. I trust that the A. I. C. C. will see to it through its decisions that the chances of such a meeting and of negotiations with Government are not jeopardised.

As a preliminary to a meeting of party leaders, I think that the Congress and the League should reach an honourable settlement such as might be agreeable even to the other parties.

**SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT**

Hopes of the two parties settling their differences were raised, a few days ago when Mr. Jinnah invited Mr. Gandhi, through the press to seek an honourable settlement. And Mr. Gandhi responded to the invitation by asking Mr. Jinnah to 'accept the Congress President's offer that Congress and League representatives should put their heads together and never part until they have reached a settlement.'

But on July 31 comes a Press statement from Mr. Jinnah throwing overboard the Congress offer. That statement has saddened me immensely for other reasons as well, and I am sure many Muslims all over the country. Instead of pursuing the move for an honourable settlement initiated by himself, he not only side-tracks it at a critical moment, but rakes up old memories and pours abuse and ridicule over the head of Mr. Gandhi, the one man with whom he will have ultimately to reach a settlement. And he does this in a language and style so alien to Muslim cultural traditions.

Mr. Jinnah has many personal virtues; but his manners as a leader, his treatment of political opponents, his obstructionist tactics and his aggressive method of presentation of the Muslim standpoint have all gone to weaken what is intrinsically a strong cause of the Muslims which, I know, he deeply loves. He must know that the intellectuals among the Muslims, particularly the younger generation, are growing increasingly restless over his politics. If Mr. Jinnah would lay his hand on his heart and reflect, he would feel that during these three years of war, he has been simply sitting on the fence, surrounded by a docile and colourless Working Committee of his own creation, awaiting opportunities of but temporary gains, or quarrelling with the Congress on the one hand and some of his own colleagues in the League on the other over issues of petty prestige, or nursing unsophisticated Muslim masses on slogans of a brand of Pakistan, the full and numerous implications of which, I have reason to believe, he and his Working Committee have neither studied nor attempted to grasp.

**ETERNAL ORPHANS OF PAKISTAN**

**The real Muslim problem does not concern so much the Muslims of those parts where form a majority and can on that account look after themselves under any constitution, as it concerns the Muslim minorities from Delhi, Lucknow, Patna downwards to Cape Comorin who will be rendered eternal orphans under Mr. Jinnah's plan.**

I have found Mr. Jinnah incapable of conceiving the hundred millions of Muslims in India as an indivisible entity and that we can secure all the advantage of even his Pakistan without having to labour under its inevitable disadvantages by settling the scheme against an All-India background.

I do not want to pursue this point further at this stage. But I venture to submit to Mr. Jinnah for his very earnest consideration that his present politics will decidedly lead to civil war, which ever sensible Muslim should endeavour to avoid.

**I fervently trust that he will try to forget old memories of any unkind treatment of him by Congress or Hindu leaders, and to close with them on every honourable term for the duration of the war, and jointly co-operate with the British and their Allies to repel the impending Yellow Peril.**

If a compromise with the Congress is found really not possible, which I refuse to believe or anticipate, then the Muslim League must get into the Central Government and play its part with or without the co-operation of other parties. For, I am convinced in mind that we Muslims have nothing in common with the Yellow civilisation of Japan but much at variance in fundamentals, and will perish culturally if that civilisation ever takes hold of India.—A. P.

# Congress-League Talks To Be "Free, Frank And Full"

## Azad's Assurance To Latif: Says Delhi Resolution Was Confirmed By A.I.C.C. At Allahabad

BOMBAY, Aug. 6.

The declaration that no restriction in the deliberations of the representatives of the Congress and Muslim League if they met was envisaged, is made in a letter which Maulana Abul Kalam Azad the Congress President has written to Doctor Abdul Latif of Hyderabad. The letter is in reply to a specific question by Doctor Abdul Latif whether representatives of the Muslim League would in any way be debarred from discussing any proposals they might put forward for a permanent settlement of the communal problem.

The following is the full text of the letters exchanged between Doctor Abdul Latif and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad:—

Letter from Dr. Syed Abdul Latif of Hyderabad dated 6th August, 1942.

Dear Maulana Sahib,—You may be aware that I have been endeavouring to seek, in my own way, a constitutional solution to the Hindu Muslim problem. Lately some confusion appears to have arisen as regards the validity of a provision contained in the Congress Working Committee's resolution passed at Delhi at the time of the Cripps' negotiation which runs as follows:

"Nevertheless the Committee cannot think in terms of compelling any territorial unit against its declared and established will to remain within the Indian union."

The confusion has been caused by Mr. Jagat Narayan's resolution adopted by the A. I. C. C. at its last meeting held at Allahabad because that resolution has been taken generally to have nullified the above-mentioned provision in the Delhi resolution.

May I therefore ask for your authoritative ruling whether this interpretation is correct and whether Mr. Jagat Narayan's resolution has in any way modified or affected the said provision?

Further, you are reported in the press to have made an offer that if the League were prepared to come to a settlement with the Congress, the Congress Working Committee would appoint a few representatives to meet the League representatives for the purpose. May I know whether representatives of the League would in any way be debarred from discussing any proposals they might put forward for a permanent settlement of the communal problem?—Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) S. A. LATIF.

AZAD'S REPLY.

Letter from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad dated 6th August, 1942:—

Dear Doctor Abdul Latif,—I appreciate your interest in raising the questions contained in your letter dated the 6th.

Had the speeches of responsible members of the Working Committee been duly noted in the press, the confusion to which you refer in your first question would not have arisen. It was made fully clear by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Nehru and myself at the time and I repeat it now that no part of the Delhi resolution to which you refer has in any way been affected or modified by any subsequent resolution of the A. I. C. C. In fact, the Delhi resolution was confirmed by the A. I. C. C.

With reference to your second question, it was never contemplated that the examination and discussion of the view-points of the representatives of the two organisations should not be free, frank and full. In fact, it was fully understood that these representatives would in no way be under any restriction in their deliberations and discussions subject only to the usual condition that their agreed decision would be submitted to their respective bodies for ratification.—Yours sincerely, A. K. AZAD.—A. P.

## *RABINDRANATH TAGORE*

By P. R. KAIKINI

To-day when the world is so much distracted by bloody war, disillsion, fear, hunger and general economic collapse the message of Rabindranath Tagore should be particularly welcome as affording us a mental and spiritual relief. He was among the first at the beginning of the present century to elevate the cult of human love to a universal religion of mankind without the restraining barriers of colour or creed or race

One of India's foremost educationists, he had discovered some deep, vital forces affecting man in the course of his educative development. He had obtained a firm hold over the spiritual aspirations of man and his poems written during this early period of his adolescence are the perfect expression of his convictions regarding the oneness of men the world over, a realisation which, as the present War amply bears out, we have failed collectively to achieve:

'When all the strings of my life are tuned, my Master, then at every touch of thine will come out the music of love'. (STRAY BIRDS).

With the years his painful consciousness of the artificial walls dividing one group of men from another found expression in his philosophy. On the ever-widening horizon of human experience and human suffering, he clearly visualized the crux of the real Nazi problem. His life went on gradually growing and blossoming, embracing finally all humanity and mankind found an ardent champion of its much-abused cause in the later Tagore. As far back as 1913 he wrote:

'This race problem is I believe the one burning question of the present age; and we must be prepared to go through the martyrdom of suffering and humiliation till the victory of God in man is achieved.'

## *JAWAHAR ENDORSES AZAD'S VIEW*

Pandit Jawaharlal replying to a letter from Dr. Syed Abdul Latif of Hyderabad says:—

I have your letter of to-day's date. You have informed me that you have written a similar letter to the Congress President and you have been good enough to tell me of his reply. It is hardly necessary for me to add anything to Maulana Azad's reply which is fully authoritative. I need only say, if I may venture to do so, that I wholly agree with it.

NO DIVISION OF INDIA

The Congress position in regard to the proposal to divide up India into two or more parts is that any such division will be exceedingly harmful to both parts as well as to India as a whole. I am personally convinced that probably our Muslim friends in the northwest of India will suffer most from such a division. India, as it is, contains nearly all the important elements and resources that can make her a strong and more or less self-sufficient nation. To cut her up will be, from the economic point of view as well as others, a fatal thing breaking up that natural economic unity and weakening each part. The north will suffer most from this because it is industrially not so advanced, nor does it contain some of the essential raw-materials that are so necessary for a modern nation. There are many other arguments against division but I need not go into them as you are well aware of them yourself. There are, of course, also the sentimental, historical and psychological arguments which, as you know, affect the people powerfully. It is for all these reasons that there is a very strong feeling amongst us and, we believe, amongst vast numbers of people in India, against any division of India. All these arguments are re-enforced by recent world history and in fact by the course of the war itself. This has shown that small nations have no future before them except as hangers on of larger nations. We do not want India or any part of India to be such a hanger on, or a kind of semi-colonial dependency, political or economic, of any other nation. In fact the tendency in the world is for larger federations to come into existence. Personally, I am convinced that the ultimate solution will lie in a world federation and I am happy that a lead towards this has been given in the resolution that is going to be placed before the All-India Congress Committee to-morrow. Such a world federation will help in the solution of many vital problems and, among others, even the problem of national or other minorities, will take a different shape.

PLEA FOR PLANNED ECONOMY

In the resolution referred to above, you will also find the Congress position in regard to a federation clearly defined. It is stated that India should have a federal government with the largest possible autonomy for the federating units, and further that residuary powers should vest in these federating units. Personally, I must confess to you that I am not enamoured of this as I think the modern tendency is against it and rightly so. It is essential to-day to have a planned economy for the nation, and for this as well as for defence, etc. a strong central government is necessary. Never-the-less, we have agreed to this to meet the wishes of any of our friends who consider it important. I might add that this is no new decision of the Congress as a similar decision was arrived at eleven years ago.

DELHI CONCESSION

Thus, generally speaking, the Congress stands firmly for the unity of India and a federation with a great deal of autonomy for the units. For this objective it works Never-the-less, at Delhi it made it perfectly clear that if any territorial unit was emphatically and clearly of the opinion that it should break with the Indian union, it should not be compelled to act contrary to its wishes. Naturally this would not be welcomed by us and it would inevitably depend on certain geographical and other factors. That decision of the Congress Working Committee stands and nothing has been said or done to modify or vary it in any way When Babu Jagat Narain Lal's resolution came at the A. I. C. C. meeting in Allahabad, this was made perfectly clear by the Congress President, by me and by others. The wording of that resolution expresses the general wish and policy of the Congress which has been the basis of our constitution and working ever since the Congress came into existence. There is nothing really new in it. This resolution does not in any way over-ride the Delhi Working Committee's resolution. This is perfectly clear and beyond doubt.

Of course, if representatives of the Congress and the Muslim League meet together they are free to discuss any matter and to refer such matters as they choose to their parent bodies for decision.—A.P.

## TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

**Major-General Follet Bradley arrived in Moscow on Wednesday bringing a personal message to M. Stalin from President Roosevelt.—Reuter.**

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America, we are earnestly told, is amazed at the working of Mr Gandhi's mind.

The emotion is fully reciprocated.

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The Congress Working Committee envisages a Federal India with residuary powers vesting in the Provinces.

This, we insist, is a further aggressive move in the nerve war against the Muslims—sorry, against the Muslim League. But we are confident that Congress will be dealt a crushing answer on August 16.

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And an equally crushing answer is also indicated from the Hindu Mahasabha.

A Military British India is any day preferable to a Federal Indian India.

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"Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, India's High Commissioner in South Africa, is strongly of opinion that Mr. Gandhi should come to a settlement with Mr. Jinnah ....."

—Reuter's Report.

Is he also at least feebly of opinion that Mr. Jinnah should come to a settlement with Mr. Gandhi?

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**INDIAN DEFENCE SERVICES COST**

**Rs. 73 1/2 Crores In 1940-41**
—Headlines.

But on the principle that he who pays shall not call the tune.

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According to the British Under-Secretary for Colonies, "in colonial administration we have little to be ashamed of and much to be proud of."

Malaya, Singapore, Burma, represent the "little" and, of course, the pride is worth anything upto a billion pounds.

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For the first time for some days Rommel's guns were in action on Wednesday against British artillery.

They were, of course, barking their thanks for the respite which Rommel was granted for so many days.

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Reuter quotes a German report to the effect that German troops have carried out "mock invasion exercises" along the channel coast.

They appear to be justified in mocking.

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Moscow radio says that Hitler driven by the fear of a second front is furiously battering his way through south Russia.

Hitler did take the hint but what about America and Britain?

# B. B. & C. I. Trains Cancelled

## Frontier Mail To Run Over G. I. P. Route

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The B. B. and C. I. Railway announce the following changes in running of their trains from Bombay for the next two or three days.

Three Down Frontier Mail will run via Dadar junction over the G.I.P. Railway route.

Nine Down, Seven Down Passenger and Fifteen Down Express trains will run upto Broach, and if possible upto Miyagam only.

Five Down Kathiawar and One Down Gujerat Mails are cancelled.

## *SIND CUT OFF FROM QUETTA*

KARACHI, Aug. 6.

Sind has been cut off from Quetta by rail as a result of breaches on the railway line at sunset yesterday.

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, who could not proceed to Bombay for the A. I. C. C. meeting, is on the spot.—United Press.

## Tapti Floods Subsiding

SURAT, August 6.

The floods in the Tapti river show signs of subsiding. The water level which was 99 feet in the morning was constant till noon and has gone down two feet in the course of the evening. It is expected to go down further in the night unless there are heavy rains during the night. It is thought that the situation is no more dangerous.—A. P.

## Shikarpur Again In Danger

The flood situation in Upper Sind is deteriorating once more due to further rise in the Indus. The level at attack is said to have risen by 4.3 feet yesterday and it is officially stated that a still further rise is likely. In that event, it is authoritatively stated, the situation will cause anxiety once more.

From enquiries in P. W. D. circles it appears that the water at present is only three miles from Shahdadkote, one of the Sind's biggest grain centres. The water is said to be rushing towards Garhikiard.

The situation at Shikarpur is also worse. A threat to the town is apprehended once more, if there is further rain and more flood-water comes in the Sind canal.—A. P.

## BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Aug. 5.

Following a decline of 11 points in New York cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs. 311 for I.C.C. January but the market opened easy at Rs. 306 and after improving to Rs. 307 declined to Rs. 304 on long liquidation. At the decline there was scattered covering and prices rallied to Rs. 305/8. There are reports of severe damage to the Broach crop by heavy rains. The market is still lacking confidence and although the market is well liquidated, there is no desire to buy pending political developments. Thereafter there was utter absence of demand and prices kept on sagging under steady liquidation. Prices declined to Rs. 300/8 and Bears were holding aloof. The market sentiment is bearish and there is no knowing at what level the decline will be arrested. Later on there was scattered covering and prices improved to Rs. 303. The market was dull and closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

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| I. C. C. January | Rs. | 300 8 0 |
| I. C. C. March | | 293 0 0 |
| BROACH July/August | | 185 0 0 |

### INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Aug. 6.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

| | Yesterday. | This year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Khandesh | 114 | 86,327 | 100,984 |
| Central India | ..... | 30,595 | 148,069 |
| Barsi and Nagar | ..... | 64,219 | 124,726 |
| Hyderabad/Gaorani | ..... | 18,969 | 50,772 |
| Berar | ..... | 178,696 | 385,350 |
| Central Provinces | ..... | 87,565 | 77,153 |
| Total Oomras | 114 | 456,391 | 887,054 |
| Dholeras | ..... | 34,430 | 100,191 |
| N.-W. Provinces | ..... | 1,425 | 1,951 |
| Rajputana | ..... | 470 | 5,766 |
| Sind-Punjab | 1,896 | 430,228 | 566,479 |
| Broach | 25 | 321,015 | 298,836 |
| Coompta & Dharwar | 914 | 39,446 | 147,532 |
| Westerns-Northerns | 103 | 41,544 | 110,810 |
| Cocanada | ..... | ..... | 239 |
| Tinnevelly & Cambodia | ..... | 19,224 | 13,868 |
| Arr. by road to 30th July 42 | ..... | 92,500 | 366,133 |

### READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Aug. 6.

| | Old. | Ready |
|---|---|---|
| Bengal | ..... | 180/85 |
| Berar | 170-80 | 177/79 |
| C. P. 1 | 180-85 | 199/201 |
| C. P. 2 | 170-80 | 184/89 |
| Khandesh | 140-45 | ... |
| Mugtai | 150-55 | ... |
| Broach | 145-50 | 189/91 |
| Broach Low | 140-45 | ... |

### COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Aug. 6.

| | Extra Spr. | fine | Sup | Fine | FG | Good |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M G Broach No. 2 | | 156 | 153 | 190 | 187 | |
| M G Punj-Ameri | | 325 | 320 | 315 | 310 | |
| M G Surat | | 420 | 415 | 410 | 405 | |
| M G Rajpipla | | 416 | 411 | 406 | 401 | |
| M G Navsari | | 420 | 415 | 410 | 405 | |

### COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton Contract Jan. below New York Jan. 546 cent pts at 331


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## RENEWED SELLING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

### Prospects Of Large Crop

Bombay, Aug. 5.

On Wednesday the New York cotton market again declined on renewed selling. Under favourable weather conditions the growing American cotton crop is making a rapid progress and now it is generally believed that with practically little insect damage the crop will be a large one.

The New York cotton market after initial hesitancy declined on renewed long liquidation, New Orleans selling and hedging against Texas crop. There was only modest trade support with prospects of a large crop and the weekly weather report stressing favourable conditions for checking weewil depressants.

The New York cotton market opened at about the highest level of the day at a rise of 3 points with October 18.32. There was increased selling and October declined to 18.11 which was the lowest level. The market finally closed at a net decline of 11 to 9 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 11 points at 19.56c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also quiet and under increased selling closed at a decline of 11 to 10 points. Spot cotton prices declined 11 points at 19.58c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION.

"On Wednesday, cotton opened very steady but higher level attracted professional reselling, which depressed prices. Nevertheless, a fair amount of trade buying resisted such pressure. Linseed and groundnuts recovered on short covering. Gold and silver were featureless. Yarns were firm whilst cloth reflected an improving feeling. Resurgence of confident feeling was displayed in shares, state Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co.

Summing up, as the saying goes "Coming events cast their shadows", that feeling on the internal politics was discernible in other markets with a subdued confidence. That belief, rightly or wrongly, could be traced to the expectations that the worst may not come to in the immediate future as fared but a time may elapse be any thing happens and during this intervening period, some compromise may not be out of reach. Secondly, speculative markets normally discount several unusual apprehensions, whereby technical condition rendered more healthier. Therefore, it was believed, the present decline may be carried somewhat further until the Congress session is over but any time taken for reactions and reflections will ensue with a revival of hopefulness and a sudden sharp recovery in commodity prices."

PRIVATE CABLES:—

| | |
|---|---|
| N. Y. October highest (10 a.m.) | 18.32+03 |
| N. Y. October lowest (1-47 p.m.) | 18.11—18 |

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd., have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York.—Market eased on long liquidation and hedging. Small trade demand. Closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 18.19—10 |
| December | 18.37—11 |
| January | 18.41—11 |
| March | 18.54—10 |
| May | 18.65—09 |
| July | 18.68—11 |
| Middling spot | 19.56—11 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 18.38—11 |
| December | 18.56—13 |
| January | 18.60—15 |
| March | 18.71—14 |
| May | 18.79—16 |
| July | 18.55—16 |
| Middling spot | 18.58—11 |

NOON CALL.

New York, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| October | 18.18 |
| December | 18.26 |
| January | 18.51 |

## GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Aug. 6.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. and New York spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 52-10-5. The local market was quietly steady. Trading continues narrow and quotations are grinding around present level with moderate buying. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Ready | Rs. 53 7 0 |
| Shrawan | 53 5 0 |
| Sovereigns | 39 15 0 |

SILVER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Ready | 84 12 0 |
| Shrawan | 84 4 0 |

LONDON SILVER.

London, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| Spot | 23 1/2 |
| Forward | 23 1/2 |

LONDON GOLD.

London, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| London Gold fine per oz | £8-8-0 |

## INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Aug. 6.

In the absence of buying interest prices tended to rule easier. Tata Deferreds ruled lower at 1495 and Tata Ordinaries at 299. Textiles also declined somewhat with Bombay Dyeings being quoted at 1292-8, Centuries at 505 and Kohinoors at 497-8. Indian Irons were easier at 26-5.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1510), 1500, 1495.
Tata Ordinaries (302) 300, 299.
Tata Ordinary 299; Tata Deferred 1495; Indian Iron 26/6; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 16/8; Bombay Dyeing 1797/8; Central India 363/2; Century 505; Gokak 255; Kohinoor 497/8; Simplex 204; Andhra Valley 161/5; Tata Hydro 173/12; Tata Power 1517/8; Associated Cement 167; Belapur 216/4; Bombay Burma (old) 215

## SHARE BAZAR CLOSED

Bombay, Aug. 6.

The local Share Bazar remained closed to-day being a Parsi Holiday. It is said that the market will now open on Tuesday.

## Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Aug. 6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Groundnuts August | ..... | 62 13 0 |
| Castorseeds September | ..... | 47 4 0 |
| Cottonseeds September | ..... | 30 1 0 |
| Linseed September | ..... | 8 7 3 |

## TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, Aug. 6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cast. seed September | ..... | 5 8 0 |
| Cotton seed September | ..... | 1 12 0 |
| Silver 2nd Settlement | ..... | 1 6 0 |
| Gold 2nd Settlement | ..... | 1 6 0 |

## HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Aug. 5.

Broach J/A. highest 196 lowest 193; closing 193.

Indian Cotton Contract Jan. highest 15 1/2 lowest 311 1/2; closing 312 1/2

Indian Cotton Contract March highest 306 lowest 305; closing 305.

## BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Aug. 6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yellow Metal Sheet | Rs. | 135 0 0 |
| Copper Sheets | | 160 0 0 |

Tone:—Steady.

## BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, August 6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yarn No. 6 1/2s | August 239 | October 240 |
| Yarn No. 10 1/2s | August 290 | October 291 |
| Yarn No. 20 1/2s | August 409 | October 393 |
| Yarn No. 40s | August 615 | October 620 |

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent | £65 1/2 |
| Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later | £101 1/16 |
| Consols 2 1/2 per cent | £82 3/4 |
| Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 | £107 15/16 |
| War Loan 3 1/2 per cent | £105 13/16 |
| Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 | £115 5/8 |
| Victory Bonds 4 per cent | £114 1/4 |
| Chartered Bank of I.A. & China | £6 3/16 |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.) | £63 1/2 |
| National Bank of India | £25 3/4 |

# Latest Commercial

## COTTON

DECEMBER

New York, August 5

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 18.37 |
| To-day's opening | 18.36 |
| Difference | —01 |
| To-day's closing see Stop Press. | |

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, August 5

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

October 18.19/18
December 18.38/36
March 18.52/52

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, August 5

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay August/September (£29 quoted) £29 quoted
Linseed Calcutta August/September (£23 1/2 quoted) £23 1/2 quoted
Linseed La Plata August/September unquoted
Groundnuts Coromandal August/September £27 1/2 quoted
West Coast India shipment (£27 1/2 quoted)

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

## EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, August 5

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 4.03 3/4 |
| To-day's opening | not received |

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, August 5

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, August 5

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, August 5

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London, August 5

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, August 5

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors (dol 37 3/8) dol 37 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 3/4) dol 25 1/2
United States Steel Common (dol 46 7/8) dol 46 5/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 106 7/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, August 5

The London Stock Exchange was steady to-day.

## 3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, August 5

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent 1955-58 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £108
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100 1/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £115 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £102 3/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 18-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 37-9
Electric Music Industry 17-6
Pinchin Johnson 24-9
Imperial Chemical 32-10 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 52-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £81 3/4
Dundee 27-9
Unilever Ordinary 29-0
Ford Motors 26-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £59 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £3 31/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/16
P and O Defd 27-6
Distillers 77-3
Bredfords Dyes 9-3
British Celanese 10-9
J and P Coates 37-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 36-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 11-7 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-7 1/8
Inter Nickels dol 38 3/8
Indian Iron 38-9

TEA SHARES

Assam 13-9
Donaro Tea 26-0
Empire of India 16-10 1/2

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant 14-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 14-4 1/2
Burma Corporation 3-3
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 23/32
Rand Mines £6 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 1/4
Associated Portland Cement 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold 70
Sub-Nigel £5 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 29/32
Union Corporation 130-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-7 1/2
Anglo-India £43-9
Burma Oil £1 21/32
Mexican Eagle 9-9
Shell Transport £2 3/8
Royal Dutch £19

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £45
London Midland Ordinary £19 7/8
London North Eastern Defd £2 1/8
London Southern Defd £16 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £123
London Transport 'C' £45

## MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Aug. 6.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks Buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months
B C Rates T T 1/6 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4 D D Fcs nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2 D D Fcs nil

LONDON/STOCKHOLM
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs 57.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 53.04 D D Rs 62.04

LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call and 1 to 3 months not quoting
4 to 6 months 1 per cent
7 to 12 months 1/2 per cent
Tone:—Very Easy.

## SOCIALIST HOMAGE TO GANDHIJI'S LEADERSHIP

### Will Line Up With Congress In Non-Violent Struggle For Freedom

BOMBAY, Aug. 6.

The National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party met to-day at the residence of Mr. Purshottam Tricamdas at Malabar Hill. Shrimati Kamaladevi presided. Prominent among those present were: Acharya Narendra Deo, Mr. Yusuf Meherally, Mayor of Bombay, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Dr. Ram Manchar Lohia, Mr. Asoka Mehta and Babu Sham Nandan Sinha, General Secretary of the All-India Kisan Sabha. After two hours' discussion, the Executive adopted a statement in the course of which the Executive says:

"SHED IMPERIALISM."

The gallant people of China and Russia are defending their freedom with the last drop of their blood. If Britain and America are genuine for helping Russia and China the biggest step in this direction would be for Britain to shed her Imperialism, and thus to make it a struggle of free peoples for the defence of their freedom and for a new International Order based on freedom and the co-operation of democratic peoples. The British people have once again failed to force their rulers to change their short-sighted policy of domination. This has exposed the cause of the united nations to the terrible risk of defeat.

The Indian National Congress with its traditional devotion to freedom and democracy cannot keep itself aloof and watch this process passively, in the hour of crisis.

The Indian National Congress has patiently striven to work in co-operation with the people of China and Russia and even the people of Great Britain. But the British Government has thwarted these efforts at every step. It has misrepresented its policies and sought to weaken it in every way it could.

The British Government refuses to let go its imperialist grip over the lives and destiny of the Indian people and after exhausting every peaceful method, the Congress has been forced to stake all its strength on a non-violent mass-struggle to attain that freedom for the people of India, without which they cannot fulfil their national and international tasks.

The Indian National Congress has called upon the people of India, in this critical hour, to pass through the fiery ordeal of a non-violent mass-struggle as it is the only way to ensure our freedom as well as to defend our hearths and homes. We are fortunate that at this grave moment in our history we have amongst us one who has an unquestioned place in the hearts of the people of India. We offer our homage to Mahatma Gandhi and pledge ourselves without reservation to the great struggle which the Congress has determined to launch under his inspiring leadership. We have faith that such a leader and such a cause can know no failure."

## Appeal To Labour To Line Up With Congress

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Congress had now come fully to realize the fact that the emancipation of the people of this country did not lie with the British or any other foreign agency and hence the cry of "Quit India" said Acharya Narendra Deo, addressing a labour meeting at Fergusson Road this evening held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. Mr. Ashok Mehta presided.

Continuing Acharya Narendra Deo said that a grim struggle to enable the nation to achieve its goal was to be launched very soon. No nation could secure freedom without paying the price and, therefore, he exhorted the people to be ready for every sacrifice when the call from the Congress came.

Mr. Achut Patwardhan who also addressed the meeting hoped that the working class people would not fail when the nation's call came.

## HYDRO-ELECTRIC EARNINGS

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the following three Hydro-Electric Companies, report that the revenue from energy sales (subject to adjustment) of the said Companies for the month of July 1942 was as compared with the corresponding period of the previous financial year:—

| | For the month of July 1941. |
|---|---|
| Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd. | Rs. 3,26,328 |
| Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd. | Rs. 4,62,201 |
| Tata Power Co., Ltd. | Rs. 7,65,796 |
| Total | Rs. 15,54,325 |
| | For the month of July 1942. |
| Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd. | Rs. 3,42,237 |
| Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd. | Rs. 4,83,178 |
| Tata Power Co., Ltd. | Rs. 8,07,653 |
| Total | Rs. 16,33,068 |

## Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, August 6

The easier feeling still prevailed over the Stock Exchange and the volume of business was nothing but limited. Government securities showed no material alterations.

The following are the closing quotations:

Government securities: 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 92/14; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947-50 102/7 ct; 4 per cent loan 1960-70 108/9 small lot.

Bank: Reserve Bank 100.

Cottons: Bengal Nagpur 22/12; Bowreah 399; Kesoram 10/4; New Victoria 5/7.

Coals: Amalgamated 25/6 ex div; Singaran A 2/5; Talcher 2/7.

Jutes: Alexandra 182/8 small lot ct; Auckland 167/8 ct; Craig pref 8; Gourepore 645 small odd lot ct; India 340 small lot; Kamarhatty 447/8 ct; Sree Luchminarain 13;

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 2 ct; Consolidated Tin 1; Indian Copper 2/1; Rhodesia Collier as. 11; Bengal Aerating Gas 7½; Britannia Eng. 11/11 c div; Indian Iron and Steel 26/4; Kumardhubi Eng pref 145/8 small lot; Steel Corpn ord 16/9; United Flour 13/12; British Ceylon Corpn 5/13; Indian Cables 23/1; James Wright defd 1/1; Ford Transport ord 1/72; pref ord 1/12; British Burma Petroleum 1/2; Orient Paper 21/3; Sree Gopal Paper 16/14; Star Paper 15/14 ct; Humayun Property ord 6/10; Midnapore Zemindary 74; Assam Saws 3/1.

Sugar: Bharat 12/10; Cawnpore 27/2 ct; Punjab Sugar 300 small lot ct; Samastipore 12/4; Amiuckie 76 small lot; Kornafuli 17; Bardwar Tea and Timber 5/4; Tezpore 9/6 c div; Pref 14.

Debentures: 4 per cent 1915-75 Calcutta Port Trust Debs 96/8; 5 per cent 1941 Jhansi Electric Debs 100 small lot ct.—A.P.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Aug. 5.

T. T. London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Aug. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rosario Santa Fe Aug/Sept. | 25/1 1/2 |
| Barletta Russo August/September | 25/1 1/2 |
| South Australian Wheat August/Sept. | 28 |

## 'Second Front' Scare?

LONDON, Aug. 6.

Coast fortifications over a wide area of Christiansund district in Norway have been tested by the Nazis during the past week, says the Norwegian telegraph agency. The public were warned in the press and all coastal shipping was stopped. A large mine-field was laid near Ottoere during the exercises.

The war commentator on the Moscow radio to-night said, "The fact that every day brings nearer the time when the agreement signed between Britain and the U.S.S.R. on the urgency of establishing a second front in Europe will be put into effect is driving the Hitler gangsters to furious frantic efforts in South Russia."—Reuter.

## U. S. NEGROES DEMAND SECOND FRONT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.

"It is up to my race to move heaven and earth to bring about the immediate establishment of a second front in Europe," declared Earl Dickerson, Negro Representative on President Roosevelt's Committee of Fair Employment Practices, at a decent "Second Front" rally sponsored by an industrial union in Washington. More than 1,300 persons attended this rally. Mr Dickerson further stated:—

Other Negro Americans feel the same as I do about the establishment of a Second Front. The future welfare of my race is involved with the great Red Army and the defeat of Hitler. The Red Army stands between ourselves and the future of civilization". Resolutions embodying these ideas were addressed to President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

## Fatal Motor Accident Near Dalhousie

LAHORE, Aug. 6.

Dr. Dhanraj Bhasin, a Congress member of the Punjab Legislative Council for four years from 1923, and Mr. Amarnath Behl, Manager of the Lakshmi Insurance Company, were killed to-day in a motor accident near Dalhousie. It is stated that the car in which both of them were travelling rolled down into a khud.—United Press.

## PEACE IF POSSIBLE, BUT WAR, IF UNAVOIDABLE

(Continued From Page 1)

But I would plead with them to suppress their natural curiosity and also mobilise public opinion, so that they may deprive themselves the experience of the toughness of non-violent action of the extreme type.

GENERAL STRIKE PROSPECTS

Question: For C. D. would inevitably hamper the United Nations' war effort—which you say you don't want to do—how quickly do you think you can win, and is not a complete general strike necessary for such speed?

Gandhiji gave the following answer: "Whether people believe it or not, I must confess that in non-violent action, God is the decisive factor. Whatever strength I possess, is not my own. Every ounce of it comes from God of truth who does not dwell in the clouds up above, but who dwells in every fibre of my being. Therefore, it is very difficult for me to speak with the precision of say, General Wavell, who thinks as he must that his dispositions and calculations must be such and can be made such that they cannot be overridden by any such unknown and intangible power called God or Truth or whatever other name human fancy chooses to give to that power. You are right, however, when you say that for a swift ending, a general strike is necessary. It is not outside my contemplation, but seeing that I shall take every step in terms of my oft-repeated declaration that mass struggle is not conceived in any inimical spirit but in the friendliest spirit, I shall move with utmost caution. And if a general strike becomes a dire necessity, I shall not flinch."

## Nazi Threat To Black Sea Ports

LONDON, Aug. 6.

Marshal Timoshenko's troops in Kuban are being slowly pressed back towards the Black Sea by Von Bock's latest blows in the northern Caucasus. To the danger hanging over the Maikop oilfields and refineries at Krasnodar is added the threat to the important Black Sea ports of Novorissk and Tuapse.

In his efforts to cut off the entire Kuban area, Von Bock is thrusting hard at the Russian right flank east of the Rostov-Baku railway. Moscow admitted to-day that the wedge driven into the Soviet lines here has been deepened by a further Soviet withdrawal south of Byelaya Glina —Reuter.

## "Special Service Corps" For U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.

The establishment of "the First Special Service Corps" for offensive operations was announced by the United States Under-Secretary of War Mr. Patterson to-day.

This group of skilled men include Canadians—the first time in history that a Canadian group has served as part of a United States army unit.—Reuter.

## R. A. F. Over Western Germany

LONDON, Aug. 6.

The R. A. F. were over Germany last night (Wednesday.)

The German radio says that single British bombers last night carried out raids over western Germany. High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

## Activity On Egyptian Front

CAIRO, Aug. 6.

Sharp artillery duels were fought on the Central Sector of the Egyptian front yesterday (Wednesday.)

Allied artillery was also active in shelling axis gun positions in the southern sector. For the third successive night, there was Axis activity over the Delta.—A. P.

## Enemy Activity Over East Anglia

LONDON, Aug. 6

After midnight two German aircraft dropped bombs at two places in east Anglia, says an Air Ministry "communique". There was only slight damage and no casualties.

## BR. STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

### But Crew Reach Cape Town Safely

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 6.

A crew of 28 Europeans and 42 lascars of a British cargo steamer sunk in a collision on the night of August 1, about 300 miles from Table Bay, have reached Cape Town safely.

Three of the lascars were injured. The ship was carrying mails for South Africa but her cargo was not intended for the Union.

The other vessel involved in the collision was a merchant ship. She was severely damaged above the waterline, but was able to reach Table Bay safely with the rescued crew.—Reuter.

## International Student Assembly At Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.

British and Soviet students at present engaged on war work in their own countries may attend an International Student Assembly at the American University at Washington on September 2.—Reuter.


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BUILD THE NATIONAL WAR FRONT
-against the Japanese

# Cripps Counsels Patience To India

## "Britain Has Pledged And United Nations Are Witness"

### "FULLEST OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVT. BY INDIA" AFTER WAR

LONDON, August 6.

In view of certain comments during the discussion of Mr. Gandhi's original draft of the Congress resolution by the Working Committee and other comments lately made in the Indian press about his mission to India and his recent broadcasts to America, Sir Stafford Cripps on Wednesday made a statement of his view on the developments which have taken place in India since his mission there.

It contains a message of high importance to India and runs as follows:—

"Concerning the attitude of the British Government there can be no doubt. The Secretary of State for India made a statement last week, which makes it plain that 'His Majesty's Government stand firmly by the broad intentions of their offer in the draft declaration', which I took with me to India and that they "Reiterate our resolve to give the fullest opportunity for the attainment by India of complete self-Government."

**It is, therefore plain beyond doubt that Indian self-Government is assured as soon as hostilities are over, and it becomes possible to replan the life of India upon a new basis.**

It is of no avail for protagonists of the national interests of India to deny these simple facts. The promise has been made, that promise will be carried out.

Is it reasonable then for the people of India, while hostilities are continuing to demand some complete and fundamental constitutional change?

Is it possible in the middle of a hard-fought war in which the United States, China and Great Britain are exerting all their strength to protect the eastern world from the domination of Japan?

Mr. Gandhi has asked that the British Government should walk out of India and leave the Indian people to settle their differences between themselves even if it means chaos and confusion.

What could this chaos and confusion actually mean? All Government which is based upon the existing constitution would immediately cease. There would be no Viceroy, no Executive Council, no Legislative Assembly and no civil service with any legal authority.

The Governors of provinces would cease to function and so would all the Provincial Governments and legislatures. There would be no authority to collect revenue and no money to pay for any Government service.

The police would cease to have any authority, the courts of justice would no longer function and there would be no laws and no order. The evil minded could pillage the land and disorder and crime could run riot. In this chaos Mr. Gandhi proposes to set up a provisional Government if he can but, as there would then be no electorial machinery and no law as to representation, it could at best be no more than a Government nominated by himself and such of the other leaders of Indian opinion as might be willing to work with him. Others might work against him and defy his provisional Government. Chaos in India at this moment would not affect India only. It would affect vitally the whole war against the Axis powers.

Mr. Gandhi has more recently recognised the need for the continuance of British, American and Chinese efforts in India and has suggested that these troops might remain by agreement with some new Indian Government.

#### DIFFICULTY IN CHANGING OVER

But the difficulty of the situation does not lie in whether, agreement can become to with an Indian Government, but whether in the conditions of chaos and complete lack of law and order an Indian Government can establish itself, pass all necessary laws to lay down completely a new constitution and get agreement of all sections of Indian opinion so as to avoid immediate civil war.

**It was because of these difficulties inherent in any attempt to change over control of a country so vast as India that we have recognised that while the war lasts a complete change over and an entirely new constitution are an impossibility.**

Apart altogether from our own vital interests we cannot and must not desert those other nations who have already gone through so much of tragedy and suffering to defeat the evil designs of the Axis powers.

#### PLEDGE AND GUARANTEE

**We have pledged ourselves and of this the United Nations and the world are witness to give the fullest opportunity for the attainment of self-government by India as soon as hostilities are over.**

I repeat that is beyond doubt. I cannot believe that it is the desire of the Indian people—and I know that it is not the desire of many of them—to use this time of difficulty for the United Nations in order to extract compliance with the views of one section of opinion however large and important.

Many hard comments have been made on my efforts in India from the side of the Congress Party and yet I feel content in the deep conviction for the offer I travelled 22,000 miles to discuss with the Indian leaders was a real contribution to the solution of our differences. Violent statements and threats cannot provide a solution to the problem. They can only exacerbate feeling and make a clash of forces inevitable. Reasoned arguments and suggestions which make allowance for the full difficulties of a state of war that exists may help and will always be listened to with respect and sympathy.

Mr. Gandhi tells us in a recent issue of "Harijan" that "we know that if India does not become free now, hidden discontent will burst forth into a welcome to the Japanese should they effect a landing."

My answer to that proposition is that if Mr. Gandhi and his Congress colleagues were to explain to the Indian people that their freedom was assured before all the world as soon as hostilities cease and further that the 'basis indubitably of the cause of freedom' depends upon the success of the struggle of the United Nations, then there would be no danger whatever of a burst of welcome to the Japanese.

#### WHAT GANDHIJI SAID

The danger, if danger there be, arise from the attitude and propaganda of Mr. Gandhi and his friends. I remember Mr. Gandhi saying some years ago that once given the certainty of Indian freedom in the future he cared little how long the period of transition lasted. Certainly it has now been given and the period of transition has been reduced to "while hostilities last." Is it not then unreasonable to demand suddenly that there should be no period of transition at all and make that demand at a moment of peculiar difficulty for the United Nations?

No practical suggestions—by which I mean reasonably capable of being carried out in a time of acute war danger—has been put forward since I left India. No one will expect the British Government or the Government of India to give way to threats of violence, disorder and chaos; and indeed representatives of large sections of Indian opinion have expressly warned us that we must not do so.

**We make no threats but we must assert unequivocally our duty to India, to the great minorities and to the United Nations to preserve law and order until hostilities cease and we can then give as we have promised the fullest opportunity for the attainment of self-Government by the Indian people.**

It is not yet too late for the Indian people to decide upon rapid and ordered progress. I can assure them that the British people are as determined upon self-Government for India as they are themselves. We ask the great masses of India to be patient for a short time longer while the cause of freedom is being fought out, not because we want to delay but because the hard facts of war make a complete change impossible at the moment. I sincerely hope that we shall all of us face these difficult questions with calmness, sincerity and mutual trust because I am convinced that if both peoples so exercise their will to solve our problems there need be no violence. India has indeed a great and free future before her in which she can make her special contribution with the united nations for the defeat of Fascism and of brutal aggression.—Reuter.

Marlene Dietrich and Fred MacMurray in "The Lady is Willing" at New Empire.

## "Woman Of The Year" At Metro

By T. V. P.

Very light entertainment is provided by the "Woman Of the Year" a George Stevens, production at Metro from today (Friday). Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn appear in starring roles.

In the beautiful dialogue of the film, Spencer Tracy once says "the most distinguished woman of the year is no woman at all" a complaint all husbands on earth will make about their wives when they continue to keep their pre-marriage interests in tact.

Is this film reactionary? If women are sent back to kitchens and kids from important useful tasks outside on an equal level with men is it not what Hitler is doing? This would be a very superficial view. "The Woman Of the Year' is no more reactionary than our own 'Pahila Palna' was. Both plead, if they plead, for anything at all, for understanding, sympathy want of selfishness and a spirit of give and take on the part of those who enter the marital stage. Till we have a socialist society with common kitchens and creches and till family continues to remain a socio-economic unit of the present social order, marriage must be governed by adjustment and compromise to be a success. If there is any moral, this is the moral of the film, but the many humorous situations in the film make it predominantly a good entertainment picture.

Katherine Hepburn and Fay Bainter in "Woman of the Year" at Metro.

## "THE LADY IS WILLING" AT EMPIRE

Revealing a brilliant understanding of the fine art of farce and frolic, Marlene Dietrich and Fred MacMurray are co-starred in Columbia's "The Lady Is Willing," a merry bit of cinema madness which comes to the New Empire Theatre this week.

## "Keep 'Em Flying At Capitol

Uproarious comedy, fast-moving romance, lilting tunes and thrilling aviation scenes combine to make Universal's new laugh-film, "Keep 'Em Flying" starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello and featuring madcap Martha Raye, lovely Carol Bruce, William Gargan and Dick Foran.

**SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO**

On Sunday August 9 at 10 a.m. Greta Garbo in 'Mata Hari' a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

**SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL**

"Flame of New Orleans" with Marlene Dietrich in feature role at Capitol on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland in "The Lady Has Plans" at Excelsior.

## "THE LADY HAS PLANS" AT EXCELSIOR

Paramount's hilarious spy-hunt movie, "The Lady Has Plans," is due this week at the Excelsior theatre, in which Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard are starred.

It is a hilarious film, teeming with suspense and racing with action. The story revolves around an ace newscaster, Milland, who is stationed in Lisbon, from which intrigue-steeped city he tries to keep America posted on European goings-on. To get the news, and give it, he needs an assistant and it is Paulette Goddard who gets the assignment.

## "Roxie Hart" At Regal

Ginger Rogers has given another superb performance. In the title role of 20th Century-Fox's "Roxie Hart," she is the most demure load of dynamite that ever blasted a screen. She dances! She's coy—cute and hilarious! In a role that is distinctly different from her recent successes in "Kitty Foyle" and "Tom, Dick and Harry," Ginger gives an outstanding portrayal of the little girl who could do no wrong no matter how hard she tried.

## "All This And Heaven Too" At Opera House

"All This and Heaven Too" one of the finest pictures ever produced with an absorbing and beautiful love story based on Rachel Field's best seller and superbly enacted by Bette Davis and Charles Boyer with a magnificent supporting cast will be screened at Opera House on Sunday at 10 a.m. at half rate admission prices.

**SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL**

"Swance River" (Technicolor) featuring Don Ameche and Andrea Leeds on Sunday at 10 a.m.

## The Half-Column By "Dim"

The Chief Justice's quashing of the Coroner's Inquest in the case in which Sir Homi Mehta's car was alleged to have knocked down a man on Hornby Vellard, is welcomed by all those were disappointed at the proceedings that took place at that inquest.

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The report says: "Their Lordships in the course of their judgment said that the Coroner also expatiated upon the important position which Sir Homi occupies in the life of Bombay, which obviously was irrelevant to the purposes of the inquiry." Their Lordships also said that the Coroner's own experience in such cases was entirely irrelevant.

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I understand that a number of foreign correspondents are in Bombay for the A. I. C. C. meeting. Big coverage is expected. I am afraid the coverage given to it by some of the star American journalists will hardly be what Maxwell expected. Perhaps the Congress might try and have an occasional translation of some important speeches made on the spot for the benefit of the English speaking world. After all this is an occasion on which the eyes of the world are turned towards us.

## DENABANK OPENS TWO NEW BRANCHES

The Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd., to open two more branches one at Bhuleshwar and other at Dadar on Thursday morning.

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## DEFENCE LOANS TOTAL OVER 114 CRORES

NEW DELHI, Aug. 6.

Subscriptions to the third defence loan for the week ending August 1, 1942 amounted to Rs. 44,14,700.

The grand total of subscriptions to all Indian defence loans since they were first issued in June, 1940, up to August 1, 1942 is Rs. 1,14,93,68,000.—A. P.

CALCUTTA: Dr. B. C. Roy, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, has tendered his resignation of the membership of the Bengal Industrial Survey Committee on account of his preoccupations in the University and in other public activities.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, has also tendered his resignation of his membership of this committee.

## Acceptances For Poona Summer Meeting 1st Day

The following are the Acceptances for the First Day of Summer Meeting to be run at Poona on Saturday, 8th August, 1942:

THE GHORPURI PLATE Div. II—Distance 1 mile.

Shaikh Ghadhban 9/1; Good Boy 9/1; Wafi Hamid 9/0; Rabie Al Khair 9/0; Khodu Pasha 9/0; Saif Antar 9/0; Musafir 8/11; Long Silk 8/11; Farid Al Iraq 8/11; Salbi 8/11; Sikandar 8/11; Al Ra'eed 8/11; Two-Two-Type 8/5; Wellington 8/5; Silver Arrow 7/6; Mikhlif Said 8/5; Daryanur Al Iraq 8/5; Egypt 7/6

THE GHORPURI PLATE Div. I—Distance 1 mile.

Dalli Al Iraq 9/4, Ghussun Al Llah 9/4; Sanjagh Sa'Ad 9/1; Aneed 9/0; Armour 8/9; Blenheim 8/12; Khazanchi 8/11; Jassir 8/11; Rin-Tin-Tin 8/11; Boonian 8/9; Ubayan Hadi 8/11; Khandaan 8/11; Young Tariq 8/11; Intidhar Al Shabab 8/11; Nibras 8/9; Time Step 8/9; Prince Hachim 8/9; Riman 8/5; Duwish Al Furat 8/5; King Solomon 7/10.

THE CASTLETOWN PLATE Div. II—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Meadow 9/4; Minlad 9/2; Lemanaghan 9/0; Prince Winooka 9/0; Kyanos 7/9; Canvasali 8/13; Sabotage 8/11; Lord Byron 8/9; Gallo 8/8; Ajak 8/6; Fishguard 8/4; Indian Princess 8/0; Twilight 8/4; Over Yonder 8/4; A La Grande 8/4; Virginis 8/3; Golden Son 8/2; Oil Can 7/12; In Camera II 8/2; Aer Lingus 7/12; Atherton 7/12; Lord Clarion 7/12; Colbett 7/9;

THE MYSORE PLATE Div. II—Distance 6 Furlongs.

English Rose 9/0; Rue D'Or 9/0; Well Masked 9/0; What's Yours 8/10; Columbine 8/9; Victor 8/7; Pista-Badam 8/6; Pick Me Up 8/0; Hidden Treasure 8/5; Panorama 8/0; Play Boy 8/5; Chorister Boy 8/4; Manmohan 8/4; Dilawar 8/3; West End 8/3; Mysore Flower 8/0; Novo Steel 8/0; Respite 8/0; Firoz-Jung 8/0; Mehjabin 8/0; Air Ace 8/0; Blue Belle 7/12; Double Action 7/12; Manjiya 7/11; Rani Taramati 7/11.

THE CASTLETOWN PLATE Div I—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Safety Lamp 9/0; Bastion 9/0; Mornas 8/13; Wine Glass 8/11; Tournament 8/11; Terrace 8/11; Lejong 8/11; Column Two 8/11; Masque 8/9; Arclamp 8/9; Brother Scribe 8/9; Faiz 8/8; April's Glory 7/9; Without Regrets 8/8; Romney's Girl 8/8; Tiger Kid 8/8; Winsotis 8/8; Moose 8/5; Chowrangi 8/5; Night Reveller 7/7;

THE BHOPAL PLATE—Distance 7 Furlongs

Star of Baroda 9/2; Double Oak 8/12; Queen of Sheeba 8/0; Rose of Dewas 7/12; Eager Tit 9/0; Red Flower 8/12; Trusty 8/5; Lion Tamer 8/12; Paila Number 8/9; Ishtay 8/5; Tyranny 8/2; Miss O. K. 8/0; Shahenshah 7/12; Lakhpat 7/12; Countess Nil 7/9; Sunrich 7/9; Star Act 7/9; Dry Sherry 7/9; Prominent 7/7.

THE ELPHINSTONE PLATE Div. I—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Man-Eater 9/2; Apsapi 9/2; Ratifier 8/12; Expunge 8/11; Rare Gem 8/9; Royal Opera 8/6; Cindy's Choice 8/4; Royal Page 8/4; Border Town 8/4; Pompeian 8/2; Roopkumari 8/0; Doctrine 8/0; Double Seven 8/0; Certus Divitae 7/11; Sundial 7/9.

**8th RACE: 5-45 P. M.**

THE MYSORE PLATE Div. I—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Princep 9/2; Fairy Queen 9/0; Sweetness 9/0; Iceland 9/0; Pierre 8/12; Pay Master 8/11; Princess Mumtaz 8/6; The Dutchess 8/9; Chu-Wai-Chu 8/7; Magam Pompadour 8/3; Ginger Cat 8/7; Princess Best 8/7; Liberty 8/6; Rose Apple 8/6; Scotch Mist 8/6; So What 8/5; Film Star 8/4; Mountain Daisy 8/3; Firouze 8/1; Come Back 7/11; Humpty Dumpty 7/9; Bevin Boy 7/9.

THE ELPHINSTONE PLATE Div. II—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Archmoon 9/4; Spun Glass 8/0; Abstract 9/4; Megh-Dood 8/13; Holly Garth 8/2; Winged Tiger 8/11; Dabbs 8/6; Lady in Red 8/6; Draycott 8/2; Stardor 8/2; Toltec 8/0; Marshwood 8/0; Rath 7/11; Panch Kalyan 7/9.

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